

## **Middleton Youth Hockey Player Code of Conduct and Parent/Guardian Expectations**

It is the philosophy of Middleton Youth Hockey (MYH) to promote the advancement of youth athletics through hockey by developing teamwork, sportsmanship, respect and camaraderie while enhancing hockey skill, social development and competition.

To support this philosophy, all players and parents/guardians are expected to maintain and demonstrate these attributes not only on the ice, but at all times during their association with MYH. The Board of Directors has therefore adopted the following Code of Conduct.

### **Player Code of Conduct**

All players are expected to display a positive attitude and conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner while attending practices, games, and any other MYH events.

Level 1 (may include but not limited to)

1. Players will not bully, use profanity, taunt, make derogatory remarks or display obscene or offensive behavior toward players, coaches or official on- or off-ice.
2. Players will not be disruptive during practices, games in the locker room and on ice rink premises.
3. Players will not be disrespectful toward teammates, coaches, parents, opponents, rink staff, hotel staff and fans.
4. Players will follow team rules and the direction of coaches promptly and without complaint.
5. Players will attend all games and practices. If unable to attend, the player will notify the coach in advance.

A Level 1 Code of Conduct violation may result in the following:

- First Offense: up to one (1) period suspension
- Second Offense: up to 1 game suspension
- Third Offense: two (2) or more game suspension

Level 2 (may include but not limited to)

1. Players will not abuse or damage equipment or rink facilities at home games, away games or tournaments. Players will be held financially responsible for repair or replacement costs at the discretion of the rink management.
2. Players will not steal personal belongings of another player, coach, fan, rink staff or competitor.
3. Players will not fight or display abusive or harassing behavior or bully.
4. Players will not display chronic or severe insubordination
5. Possession of pornography or obscene materials or gestures
6. Gang related expression, communication or activity
7. Gambling
8. Possession of drug paraphernalia
9. Other behavior deemed unbecoming of an MYH member
10. Repeated violations of Level 1 rules.

A Level 2 Code of Conduct violation may result in the following:

- First Offense: up to 1 game suspension
- Second Offense: three (3) game suspension
- Third Offense: the incident will be reported to the Board of Directors who will review the incident and determine the appropriate action. Such action may include, but is not limited to further suspension or expulsion from MYH

Level 3 (may include but not limited to)

1. Possession, sale, or intent to distribute alcohol, tobacco, controlled or illegal substances, unprescribed medication or inhalants
2. Possession of weapons, including look-alikes
3. Possession of fireworks, lighters, explosive devices or any accelerant
4. Possession of drug paraphernalia
5. Sexual assault or the threat of sexual assault
6. Physical assault or the threat of physical assault
7. Making bomb threats
8. Intentional false fire alarm
9. Igniting any material on ice rink premises
10. Felony theft
11. Serious verbal threats, significant harassment or bullying
12. Other behavior deemed unbecoming of an MYH member
13. Repeated violations of Level 2 rules

A Level 3 Code of Conduct violation will result in immediate suspension until the Board of Directors determine appropriate disciplinary action at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The player's parents/guardian will be notified immediately by the Age Level Director (ALD), ACE Director, coach, or other appropriate member of the Board of Directors. As soon as reasonably possible, a meeting will be scheduled to investigate the Code of Conduct violation with the player, parents/guardians, coach(es) ALD and ACE Director, as appropriate, to investigate and discuss the reported conduct.

A Level 3 Code of Conduct violation may result in suspension from 1 or more games, up to and including the remainder of the season or any other action deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. Reinstatement for the remainder of the season or for the next season must be approved by the Board of Directors before the player rejoins his/her team for practices and games or prior to the player attending any MYH activity. No membership ("ice") fees will be refunded. The Board of Directors reserves the right to permanently suspend or expel a player from any further participation in MYH activities.

### **Parent/Guardian Expectations**

All parents/guardians are expected to display a positive attitude and conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner while attending practices, games, and any other MYH event.

Guide for Responsible Sports Parents:

1. Early and positive contact with the coach will start the season off on a positive note. Meeting the coach early in a positive manner will make future conversations easier should any problems arise
2. 24 Hour Rule – wait 24 hours to approach a coach if you are upset about a situation on or off the ice. Waiting for emotions to subside will result in a more productive conversation
3. Don't put the player in the middle – don't voice disapproval of a coach or teammate with your child present. This puts your child in the middle and will have a negative effect on team morale. When you support a coach, it is easier for your skater to put forth maximum effort. If you feel that a coach is mishandling a situation, don't tell it to your child. Take it up discretely with the coach.
4. Let the coaches do their job.
5. Remember that coaches and managers are volunteers – offer to help whenever you can.
6. Respect on ice officials before, during and after games.
7. Parent/guardian behavior should be a good example for your skater to follow.
8. Discuss the Player Code of Conduct with your player.

**General**

Any player, parent/guardian, coach or team rep may bring forth to the Board of Directors any incident or behavior by a player, parent/guardian or coach which, in their opinion does not support the philosophy of MYH.

All suspensions will be served at the next regularly scheduled game, scrimmage or tournament. When suspended from a game, the player is also suspended from practice.

Repeated and/or dangerous actions may be referred to the Board of Directors for accelerated discipline which may range from suspension for the remainder of the season to permanent suspension.

I have read and understood the Player Code of Conduct:

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Player Signature

Date:

I have read and understood the Player Code of Conduct and Parent/Guardian Expectations:

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date:

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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